

DISTRICT III ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

Wednesday, January 9, 2002

7:00 p.m.

Colvin Neighborhood City Hall, 2820 S. Roosevelt

Members Present

Matt Foley

Gene Fuhr

John Kemp

Jim Gulick

Lois Ann Newman

Judy Dillard

Phyllis Hall

Bill Ward

Chantelle Brennen

Council Member Phil Lambke

Members Absent

Jim Skelton

Phil Bloomquist

Staff

Vicki Mork

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

Phil Lambke called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Approval of Minutes/Agenda

Fuhr pointed out he wasn't here but was shown to be present at the December meeting. Will change minutes as requested. Motion made to approve minutes with indicated changes. **Fuhr (Gulick)**

Action: Approved by vote of 9-0.

Council Member **Lambke** introduced **Chantelle Brennen**- the newest DAB III member. She is taking the place of Pastor Brent Turnipseed

Public Agenda

1. **Lori Miller**, owner/operator of the Simply Neighbors web site presented information about her innovative web site that allows Neighborhood Associations free access to post a web page with information about their neighborhood. Access to the various neighborhood web pages is restricted to registered users. Prospective Wichitans may use the web site to research and explore neighborhoods they may want to live in when they move to Wichita. Neighborhood Associations can post information about activities in their neighborhood and there is also a trading post. The Neighborhood Administrator would set the web site up by answering a list of questions provided by Lori and would keep the site current.

Planning Department

2. **Tonia Fairbanks**, Planning Department provided a brief overview of the final draft of the South Wichita Haysville Plan that was recently presented to MAPD. She can provide copies of the plan to anyone interested in it. It is anticipated that the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission public hearing for the plan will be held on February 21, 2002. After that the plan will be presented to City Commission for their approval. The plan was prompted by the 1999 tornado. Area residents, business owners, and elected officials helped formulate plan. The boundaries of the plan are the Arkansas River on the east, 71st Street South, Meridian on the west and MacArthur on the north side.

Goal 1 Improve the infrastructure of the area.

- Enhance communication for scheduled improvements
- Improve the 47th St. & I-135 interchange and improve traffic safety
- Boulevard type setting for 47th St.
- Convert Kansas Turnpike Authority to a freeway or reroute it through southeast Sedgwick County.

Goal 2 Enhance & Improve Areas Image

- Increase clean up efforts
- Reduce “crime” opportunities
- Support expansion of “Neighborhood Watch” program
- Create “ad hoc” committee with MAPC, Haysville and stakeholders

Goal 3 Support Improvement to Property Maintenance Codes

- Support additional staffing for code enforcement
- Eliminate properties no longer worth saving
- Expand Neighborhood Revitalization Area designation to support additional private investment
- Support Neighborhood Associations

Goal 4 Promote Additional Development and Revitalization of Housing

- Encourage rehabilitation and reuse of existing housing stock
- Support expansion of infrastructure to serve existing and new housing
- Modify UZC on Manufactured Home placement to differentiate manufactured homes on foundation from manufactured housing parks

Goal 5 Improve Service for Elderly and Youth

- Utilize closing Funston School
- Support library expansion in area
- Support additional medical offices in area
- Support expanding activities and programs at Haysville Activity Center
- Support additional assisted living investments

Goal 6 Support Additional Commercial Growth

- Support 47th & Broadway area as major commercial center for region
- Consolidate lots for larger commercial developments
- Redevelop Seneca as Haysville's "Main Street"
- Provide incentives for commercial development throughout area
- Redevelop Broadway for new commercial uses

Goal 7 Improve Park and Recreation Facilities

- Support South Lakes Park development
- Purchase community park properties in the area
- Support enhancements to existing parks
- Support Funston school redevelopment

Goal 8 Support Educational Interests

- Support school redevelopment plans of USD 259
- Support school plans of Haysville School system
- Support "neighborhood" schools
- Support expansion of adult educational opportunities

Plan Discussion

Hall asked about sewer lines on 55th Street South. **Fairbanks** said she would provide that information to Vicki for Hall. Fairbanks said these neighborhood plans are important as they provide road maps for improvements within communities.

Foley said a neighborhood plan helped Hilltop and he wonders if the South Area plan has considered the areas propensity for future tornadoes, as they have been quite unlucky of late.

Newman pointed out there's nothing about making schools stay out of parks in this plan. **Fairbanks** said the school district was invited to participate but elected not too. **Kemp** asked about pocket parks. **Dillard** said Chapin Park wouldn't ever be a "real park. Longview Park is the only new park in Wichita. No other new parks have been developed.

Beat 24- Officer Diehl-

Began in early November as the Community Police officer for S. Broadway and they did accomplish shutting down a bar known for it's drug trade. He formed motel/hotel association for the those along S. Broadway there are 15-20 hotels represented so far. They are doing area clean up and trying to change the image of South Broadway.

Beat 26- Officer Virgil Miller

Introduced himself, he has taken the beat of Officer Roets. He's been an officer for 11 ½ years but is new to Community Policing. He's working on establishing email chain- for notification of Neighborhood Watch block captains of current issues.

Neighborhood Association Reports

South Area Neighborhood Association -- Judy Dillard reports the neighborhood association has adopted a quarterly meeting schedule. Officer Lisa Rollins is spear heading a new program directed toward victims of serious felonies. It has been discovered they don't have enough support early on. The program is just being implemental in South Wichita area. Judy reported she was very active in the development of South Wichita Haysville Area plan.

Meadowlark Association

Bill Ward reported their next meeting would be Monday, January 14, 2002 at Sharon Baptist Church at 2221 S. Oliver. Please note they are meeting at a new location. Ward praised Neighborhood Patrol he said it was a good experience for their members. Council Member Lambke complimented Meadowlark Association on their great newsletter. He finds it very informative.

Hilltop Association for Neighborhood Development

Matt Foley complained about two houses in Hilltop as being unsightly and in bad shape. He was unable to provide the addresses for the houses but was advised by staff that upon receipt of the addresses city staff would be dispatched to address the issues. Matt also commented on the emphasis upon making Wichita more attractive but the continuing problem of shopping carts leaving business premises is most unattractive. He wants to propose possible courses of action for city council adoption. He feels the problem is serious enough that greater means should be used to get stores to round up their property. This is a personal pet peeve of Matt as he sees much emphasis of this problem in Hilltop Manor.

South Central Progressive Association

Lois Ann Newman said their neighborhood association is in both District 1 and 3 which makes for some interesting issues. She said their next meeting was scheduled for January 21st at Bethany United Methodist Church and their featured speaker would be Kevin McGrath, editor of the Neighbors Section of the paper. 2 different

K-15 Association

John Kemp reminded people their meeting is the last Monday of every month. Their January meeting will be at Pawnee Ave Church of God. Their Community Police officer and Environmental Health will be at their next meeting along with a Channel 12's weatherman.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM. Fuhr (Gulick)

Visitors

Betty Strickland	1302 Galena
Annette Mapes	1314 Galena